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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4963  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
USINT BAGHDAD  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR EG LY

SUBJECT: FIRES IN TRIPOLI REPORTED BY EGYPTIAN PRESS

1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 3 CARRIES FRONT PAGE REPORT THAT LARGE FIRE OCCURRED IN TRIPOLI ON JUNE 26. FIRE WAS ALLEGEDLY IN ARMY BARRACKS NEXT TO ARMY C/S HQS, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION AND LARGE MARKET PLACE. PRESS ADDS THAT ON JUNE 24 A FIRE BROKE OUT IN "ALL STORES" OF THE MIN AGRICULTURE AT AL-FARNAG NEAR TRIPOLI.

2. IN JULY 2 CABINET MEETING PM MAMDUH SALIM REITERATED GOE THEME THAT LIBYAN SLANDER CAMPAIGN AGAINST EGYPT SERVED ONLY TO ISOLATE LIBYAN COMMAND FROM LIBYAN PEOPLE AND OTHER ARABS. CAIRO'S RECENT FIRES, HE CONTINUED, RESULTED FROM ACTS OF SABOTAGE, AS WELL AS FROM NEGLIGENCE AND IMPROPER STORAGE OF MATERIALS.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PRESS DOES NOT COMMENT ON TRIPOLI FIRES, BELATED PUBLICATION OF PRESS REPORTS MAY BE HINT THAT IF LIBYANS CAN START FIRES IN CAIRO, EGYPTIANS CAN DO SAME IN TRIPOLI. AT SAME TIME, SALIM'S ADMISSION THAT CAIRO FIRES MAY HAVE  
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BEEN CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE AS WELL AS BY SABOTAGE IS FIRST

TIME GOE HAS BACKED AWAY PUBLICLY FROM CHARGE THAT LARG  
SABOTEURS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENTS.  
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